St. Louis County Workforce Development

TITLE IV: VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION/REHABILIATATIVE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND (VR/RSB)

The Saint Louis County - American Job Center, is committed to providing equal opportunity in all programs, services and activities to the person with a disability. Program access for people with disabilities is covered in the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits discrimination on the disabled jobseekers.

Saint Louis County has developed a local Disability Resource Committee to ensure that there is equal access to career services for people with disabilities. The committee's goal is to develop practices for the Saint Louis County career center as it relates to WIOA and servicing customer with disabilities. We are committed to strengthening the partnership, communication, cooperation and collaboration between the core partners identified by WIOA. The aim is to serve as a resource for business partners in the community looking to employ people with disabilities.

The committee consists of partners from Vocational Rehabilitation, Paraquad Independent Living Center, and Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, Department of Mental Health and Adult Educational & Literacy.

Listed below are existing and new items developed by the Committee;

- Encourage participation of representatives from Vocational Rehabilitation (**VR**) Rehabilitation for the Blind (RSB) to attend local board meetings as well as subcommittee meetings.
- Provide opportunities for direct support staff at career centers to receive in-services training from Vocational Rehabilitation staff on working with individuals with disabilities.
- Establish a protocol for referring individuals to Vocational Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation Services for the Blind for further services.
- Seek guidance from VR, RSB and Paraquad Independent Living Center on the purchase and maintenance of appropriate assistive technology and accommodations at local career centers.
- Seek guidance from RSB on ensuring the electronic and written materials are accessible to individuals with visual impairments.
- Host hiring• events and job fairs for the job seekers with disabilities.

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